

## SMITHSONIAN OFFICERS PLAN GREAT EXHIBIT

Extensive Preparations for  
St. Louis Exposition.

### RANGE OF THE DISPLAY

Consists of Rare Treasures and Will  
Occupy Largest Space in Gov-  
ernment Building.

Extensive preparations are being made by officers of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum for an elaborate exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition. The display will be larger than any since the World's Fair, and will occupy the largest space in the Government Building. The exhibit will be in charge of Dr. Frederick W. True.

Arrangements have already been made for the placing of many of the exhibits. Standing in a central position, and surrounded by various bureaus which are under its direction, will be the exhibit of the institution itself. In this will be shown the memorials of the founder, James Smithson, portraits of the secretaries, the great series of publications on which its fame rests largely, and objects and books indicating how the institution fund has been and is expended in promoting research.

The Principal Exhibit.

Although every bureau connected with the Smithsonian will be represented, the National Museum, on account of its great resources and special facilities, will make the principal exhibit.

The exhibits of the Department of Geology will be organized by Dr. George P. Merrill, head curator, with the assistance of the scientific staff of the department. Probably the most striking object shown by this department will be the restoration of a remarkable extinct reptile known as stegosaur, which is not unlike a huge "horned toad," with a double row of large flat spines along the tail.

With this extraordinary creature will be exhibited the singular reptile triceratops. In order to avoid having this skeleton confused with mastodon, and for the general interest of the public, there will be exhibited a frame of the latter, and alongside of it the skeleton of an elephant.

Another interesting exhibit will be a collection of meteorites and casts of the largest meteorites known, the greatest of which exceeds twenty feet in length and weighs many tons. Visitors to the Exposition will have an exceptional opportunity of seeing together the largest masses known to have fallen from the sky.

Equally interesting will be the collection of minerals, including the most beautiful kinds from all parts of the world. This will be supplemented by two other collections, showing forms of silica and of carbonate of calcium.

Forests of Past Ages.

The forests of past ages will be represented by tree trunks from the petrified forests of Arizona and Montana, and samples of great tree ferns, which are characteristic features of vegetation of earlier ages. The public will also have a chance to see how the composition of rocks is studied by geologists by means of sections so thin as to be transparent.

One of the most striking objects of the exhibit of the Department of Biology, which is under the direction of Dr. True, will be a model whale, eighty or ninety feet long. Large game from all parts of the world will be shown, including such animals as rhinoceros and caribou, together with various small species.

An exhibit which is intended to give the public a new idea of the denizens of the sea, will be a collection of enlarged models of deep sea fishes. These animals include among them some of the strangest and most grotesque forms of life.

The exhibit of reptiles will consist of large and peculiar forms, which are commonly known only by name. This will include some of the deadliest snakes, and several peculiar types from various parts of the country.

### Butterfly Collection.

What is predicted to be the most beautiful feature of the Smithsonian exhibit will be a collection of butterflies, including large and brilliant forms characteristic of the tropics of America and the Old World.

W. H. Holmes will have charge of the exhibits of the Department of Anthropology and Bureau of Ethnology. The idea of the former is to show the beautiful products of the native American people. It will cover the entire range of their arts and manufactures, in so far as they have an artistic and esthetic value.

The exhibit of the Bureau of Ethnology will be planned to illustrate the researches carried on by that department.

The National Zoological Park purposes erecting a large cage for birds, so that they can be seen in life. Nothing similar to this on so large a scale has ever been attempted at any previous exposition.

The work of the Astrophysical Observatory, though of an important nature, is difficult to illustrate in an exposition. One of the most remarkable instruments in the exhibit will be the bolometer, which is capable of detecting variations of temperature of one one-millionth of a degree.

The Bureau of International Exchanges will show charts and other objects explanatory of the useful work it carries on in distributing scientific publications throughout the world.

QUEEN DINES WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF BOER WAR VICTIMS

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Queen Alexandra this afternoon gave a dinner to 2,000 widows and orphans of victims of the Boer war.

## AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

Baron Hengelmüller, Raised From Minister, Calls on the President.

The Austrian ambassador, Baron Ladislaus Hengelmüller von Hengervar, yesterday presented to President Roosevelt his credentials of advancement from the rank of minister. The ceremony took place in the Red Room at the White House at 10 o'clock. The regular reception parlor for foreign envoys, the Blue Room, is not yet ready for use. The new ambassador wore a military uniform, his official diplomatic garb not having yet arrived. He was accompanied by the secretary of the embassy, Ludwig von Callenberg, and the attaché, Baron von Franckenstein, both in full uniform. Following the custom in vogue at foreign capitals, the diplomats were taken to the White House in the President's official carriage, escorted by Col. T. A. Bingham, the President's military aide.

On arrival at the Executive Mansion the presentations were made by Secretary Hay.

The Austro-Hungarian ambassador said: "Mr. President: I have the honor, Mr. President, to place in your hands the letters of his Imperial and royal apostolic majesty, my august sovereign, whereby he accredits me as his ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary near your excellency."

### Evidence of Importance.

"By the elevation of the rank of his representative at Washington His Majesty has desired to furnish fresh evidence of the very special importance which he attaches to the preservation and development of the cordial and friendly relations which happily exist between Austria-Hungary and the United States of America."

"For eight years, Mr. President, I have represented Austria-Hungary in the United States of America, and during this entire period the maintenance of the friendly relations between our two countries has been the principal task which has been marked out for me by my august sovereign and his government. I regard the distinction which I have just received as an evidence that I have performed this task to the best of my limited abilities, and I am conscious that I am indebted for its satisfactory fulfillment to the friendly relations between our two countries."

## "COURTESY OF THE PORT" HAS BEEN MUCH ABUSED

Secretary Shaw Limits Extension of Privileges.

The "courtesy of the port," as it is practiced in the customs service, has led to such abuses that the Secretary of the Treasury has decided to limit the extension of privileges. Special courtesies were formerly extended only to principal members of the diplomatic corps and other high officials of foreign nations, and to invalids and other persons entitled, under some peculiar conditions, to special consideration.

Instructions have been sent by the Treasury Department to collectors of customs directing that discrimination between private citizens in this matter must cease, and defining the classes of persons entitled to special courtesies, as follows:

"1. To foreign ambassadors, ministers, charge d'affaires, secretaries, naval, military, and other attaches of embassies, and high commissioners."

"2. To similar representatives of this government abroad, returning from their missions."

"3. To such high officials of this and foreign governments as shall be the subjects of special instructions from this department."

"In the case of individuals and their companions, or of persons arriving in charge of their dead, or summoned home in haste by news of affliction or disaster, instructions will be issued to facilitate the landing and examination of their baggage, but such instructions will be construed as only relieving such persons from waiting their turn in line. Their baggage will be carefully examined and duties in full collected as though no favor had been shown. The word 'courtesy' has grown to have a meaning never intended, and its use must be avoided in the issuance of personal consideration cards."

"No requests for special courtesies will hereafter be granted except under the above conditions."

"It is also found imperative necessary, in the interest of the revenue, to withhold the issuance of passes on the revenue vessels which carry the boarding officers to their assigned vessels, and such passes will no longer be furnished except under the restrictions above set forth regarding courtesies, and by the special authority of this department."

### COMING OF MR. BLAKE.

The members of the congregation of Christ Church and the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the District generally, are anxiously awaiting the coming of the Rev. J. H. W. Blake, who has accepted the call to the pastorate of that church.

The Rev. Mr. Blake is at present rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Akron, Ohio, where he has been for more than four years. He is a native of Maryland and was ordained in the ministry in the diocese of Baltimore. His first call was to Charlestown, W. Va. From there he went to Ohio, where he has since continued his pastoral duties.

Mr. Blake will arrive in Washington in time to take charge of his new pastorate on January 11 next. The congregation and the vestry of Christ Church will in the meantime make preparations for his reception and installation as their pastor.

filment to the benevolent and intelligent co-operation which your excellency's Government and those of your predecessors have constantly accorded to me. I shall in future, as in the past, do all in my power to meet the intentions of his majesty, my august master, in appointing me as his ambassador, and I beg you, Mr. President, as I do your Government, to accord to me your future co-operation in order that I may accomplish this object."

### The President's Response.

The President said in reply: "Mr. Ambassador: In receiving from your hands the letters of his Imperial and royal apostolic majesty accrediting you to this Government as his ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, I have great pleasure in expressing my appreciation of his majesty's desire to evidence, by added closeness of intercourse, a sense of the importance of maintaining and increasing the amicable relations which for so many years have happily existed between the United States and Austria-Hungary. In this sentiment I fully share."

"This elevation of the rank of your mission is the more gratifying to me inasmuch as the agreeable personal associations of the past eight years have thus continued. I cannot but feel that the mutual wish of the two nations for constant advancement of their many mutual ties and interests is well subserved when the task of giving effect to those desires is confided as now to those who have come to know and appreciate each other, and who by experience are fitted to carry out the purposes of the two governments in this regard."

"In offering you my personal congratulations and my best wishes for your welfare I beg you to be the channel of communicating to your sovereign and people the cordial sentiments which this Government and my countrymen cherish toward Austria-Hungary."

The first time that the President's carriage was sent for a foreign diplomat was in the case of the British ambassador, Sir Michael Herbert, who presented his credentials to the President at the temporary White House, 22 Jackson Place, on October 11.

## MARINES FOR NEW BATTLESHIP MAINE

Detachment Leaves for  
League Island Today.

Three hundred marines will be sent to the Philippines, one-half on February 1, and the remainder a month later. The first detachment will be under the command of Major George Barnett, and the second under Lieut. Col. Benjamin Russell. The men will, for the most part, be taken from those now on duty at the Washington barracks.

A detachment of sixty men will leave the Washington barracks this morning for League Island navy yard, Philadelphia, where they have been assigned to duty on board the battleship Maine, which will go into commission tomorrow. This guard will be under the command of Capt. Dion Williams, and is said to be the best ever selected for a similar service. The men are all picked from a large number of volunteers. Twenty of them recently returned from two weeks' service in Panama, and the others were taken from the number that served at the Charleston and Buffalo expositions.

Service on the Maine was much sought by the marine men, not only because the battleship will be assigned to the North Atlantic station, but for the reason that the ship is considered one of the best in the service, and also there is a reverence for the name it bears. Usually, when a ship meets with disaster, there is a superstition among men of the sea that any vessel subsequently given that name will be unlucky, but not so with the name "Maine." The prompt manner in which this Government avenged the destruction of the battleship in Havana harbor is thought to have removed the "hoodoo."

### FOR "CONSCIENCE FUND."

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday received a letter, postmarked "Beaumont, Va.," containing a money order for 12 cents with the request that the amount be placed to the credit of the conscience fund. The letter was unsigned, and just how the money chances to be due the Government, the writer does not say.

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## DISEASE OF CATTLE NOW WELL IN HAND

Secretary Wilson Speaks Encouragingly of Conditions.

### MANY ANIMALS WERE KILLED

Dr. Salmon, of Agricultural Department, Returns to Scene of Action.

If the expectations of the officials of the Department of Agriculture turn out correctly, the "foot-and-mouth disease," which has been raging among the cattle in New England, and on account of which a strict quarantine has been established in several States, will be virtually eradicated within the next ten days. According to the reports received in this city in the past few days, the work of killing off the diseased cattle and those which have been exposed to it is progressing steadily. About one hundred animals are being slaughtered daily, and the total number killed to date is in the neighborhood of one thousand. At the present rate, the total number of cattle which will have been killed at the expiration of the ten days' time will be about two thousand.

Speaking of the work of the department in stamping out the disease, Secretary Wilson said yesterday:

"We have the situation now well in hand, and I believe we can prevent the spread of the disease to herds in other States. By the end of ten days I believe every animal exposed to the infection, or affected with the disease, will have been killed."

### Disposition of Bodies.

"The hardest work is not the killing, but the disinfecting and disposition of the bodies of the animals slain. Why, think of it, the thermometer in some places in the New England States, where our men are working is fifteen degrees below zero, and the snow is so deep that burial is absolutely impossible, and cremation has had to be resorted to. The inspectors and assistants have had their fingers and toes frost-bitten, and have been overcome by the cold. They have stuck manfully by their duty, however, and it is largely due to their untiring efforts that the spread of the disease has been prevented."

"Should we be able to kill off all the exposed and infected animals in ten days, as I fully believe we will do, it will be some little time before the quarantine can be lifted, and we can feel sure that there will be no danger to other herds through interstate commerce."

### Returns to Boston.

Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture, has returned to Boston to direct the work of stamping out the disease. He will probably remain there until the last traces of it have been eradicated.

The foot-and-mouth disease is a contagious malady peculiar to ruminating animals. It seldom is transmitted to man. It is characterized by the eruption of vesicles or blisters in the mouth, upon the heels, or between the toes, and upon the udder. The appetites of the afflicted animals become poor, the milk flow is diminished, and the cattle become lame. The death rate is very low, but the disease attacks the whole herd, and many animals are seriously injured, so the loss to the herd owner is heavy.

European cattle owners have learned by bitter experience that this disease is the source of discouraging and not infrequently of ruinous losses. The total loss on a herd is enough to wipe out a dairyman's profits for a year or two.

It is not uncommon for the stock owners of England, France, or Germany to be injured by this disease to the extent in a single year of \$500,000. With the much larger holdings in the United States, the possible losses from the malady, if it should become general, would be stupendous and incalculable. It is for this reason that prompt and stringent measures were taken by the Department of Agriculture, and for which it secured from Congress an emergency appropriation of \$500,000.

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54-inch Black Taffeta—a \$1.79 value—at—	27-inch All-silk Peau de Soie \$1.49 Soie—a \$2 value—at—
27-inch Black Taffeta—a 85c value—at—	36-inch All-silk Peau de Soie \$1.98 Soie—a \$2.25 value—at—
10 pieces Black Taffeta, 19 inches wide, strictly all silk, bright and lustrous finish—a 60c value 49c —at—	<b>Colored Taffeta Silks.</b> Strictly all silk, 19-inch wide, in all the leading shades—a 50c value—at— 38c
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<b>\$1.50 Thibet Cloth, \$1.00.</b>	<b>One-Day Sale on \$1 Black Pebble Cloth for 80c.</b>
56-inch Smooth-surface Thibet Cloth, navy blue and black only; actual value, \$1.50. Special, yard— \$1.00	This is a very superior quality in weave, dye, and finish; one of the most durable and reasonable dress fabrics now used; 50 inches. Special— 80c
<b>\$1.39 Novelty Suitings, 98c.</b>	<b>One-Day Sale on Black</b>
56-inch Novelties, such as fancy flake cloths, mixed stripes, and fancy chevrons; all de- scribable color combinations. 98c Special, yard—	All-wool Crepe de Chine, a very fine quality, can be used in or out of mourning; this is a very special offer; 50 inches; a good \$1 value. Special— 65c
<b>\$2 Black Broadcloth, \$1.25.</b>	<b>One-Day Sale on Black</b>
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15c Button Hooks, hardwood 8c handles; each—	12c Whalebone Casing, 8-yard 9c pieces; piece—
15c English Twilled Tape, all 7c widths; piece—	6c Bone Collar Buttons; 4c dozen—
5c Best Black Pins, 1 ounce 3c boxes; box—	4c Linen Carset Laces, white, pair—
6c Full Count Cube Pins; 4c cube—	15c Extra Heavy Tubular Shoe Laces; dozen—
3c Cotton Tape, 2 yard rolls; 1c piece—	All sizes Capsheaf Safety Pins; 5c dozen—
5c Kid Curlers, medium size; 2c package—	5c Collar Stiffeners, black and white; collar—
8c Curling Irons, large and 4c small; each—	10c Wire Skirt and Coat Hang- ers; each—
12c Tracing Wheels, round 8c shank; each—	6c Foster Hose Supporters; 50c pair—
5c Spool Basting Cotton, 500 3c yard spools—	12c Light Weight Dress 7c Shields; pair—
3c Machine Cotton, 200-yard 18c spools; dozen—	2c Universal Hook and Eyes; 1c card—

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